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1. PLEASE INFORM SILVEIRA THAT SECRETARY IS GRATEFUL FOR HIS THOUGHTFULNESS IN PASSING ON HURTADO'S COMMENTS ABOUT SCOPE OF CONSUMER-PRODUCER CONFERENCE.

2. IN YOUR DISCUSSION WITH SILVEIRA, YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT DETERMINATION OF THE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA FOR THE FORMAL CONFERENCE WILL BE A MAJOR TASK OF THE PREPCON. NO SUBJECT CAN BE RULED OUT IN ADVANCE. NEVERTHELESS, AND ANY PRESS REPORTS NOTWITHSTANDING, WE STRONGLY THINK THE CONFERENCE WILL BE MOST PRODUCTIVE AND LEAD TO GREATER CONSUMER-PRODUCER COOPERATION IF IT CONCENTRATES ON ENERGY ISSUES AND DOES NOT BROADEN ITS FOCUS TO THE LARGER RAW MATERIALS QUESTION. WE EXPECT TO REACH AN IEA GOVERNING BOARD DECISION THIS WEEK SUPPORTING THIS POSITION.

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3. SINCE RECEIPT REFTTEL, FRANCE HAS ISSUED INVITATIONS TO A CONSUMER-PRODUCER PREPCON FOR APRIL 7. IF ASKED, YOU SHOULD INDICATE THAT WE HOPE CONSUMER AGREEMENT ON ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVE SUPPLIES CAN BE REACHED AT THE IEA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MARCH 6-7. SUCH AGREEMENT REMAINS A PREREQUISITE FOR IEA COUNTRIES PARTICIPATION IN THE PRELIMINARY MEETING WITH PRODUCERS.

WE DO NOT INTEND TO REPLY TO THE FRENCH INVITATION UNTIL SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT IS REACHED IN THIS AREA. INGERSOLL

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